



Town Recreational Shellfish Crier
September 13, 2019

1. Quahog Relay

The contaminated quahogs from the Taunton River that were put out to purge at Burton Baker Beach and in Chipman's Cove were tested per state procedures. As a point of clarification: Our waters are not contaminated; the clams are lightly-contaminated and able to purge themselves completely. This does not affect the surrounding water; in fact, clams purify the water as they feed. This is part of a tightly monitored state-run program. Water samples and a random selection of quahogs from the sites were sent off to the Mass. Division of Marine Fisheries on August 19. Test results gave the clams a clean bill of health and cleared them for harvest when they complete the required 90-day spawning period! This will help us create an established clam bed and sustainable clam populations into the future.

We will open the Burton Baker area for recreational harvest on Wed., 9/18, Sun., 9/22, Wed., 9/25 and Sun., 9/29, and then close it again until next summer to make sure all of our seasonal permit holders will be *happy as clams* next summer. Chipman's Cove will open on its usual date of the last Sunday in October (Oct. 27). Low tide is at 5:42 p.m., and it is a good negative -1.5, but sunset is at 5:46, so get there early! Chipman's Cove can be accessed from both the Old Pier Rd. and Indian Neck parking lot landings.

2. Wellfleet Shellfish Department Monthly Reports

We provide a report to the Town Administrator and the Selectboard each month, and we always share it at Shellfish Advisory Board meetings. Now, you can access it [online](#), as well.

3. Help Clean Up Wellfleet Harbor: Mayo Beach, Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.

COASTSWEEP 2019 is a joint project by the Wellfleet Conservation Trust, Recycling Committee, Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee and Friends of the Herring River, and is part of the statewide beach clean-up sponsored by the Mass. Office of Coastal Zone Management. Volunteers should meet at Mayo Beach at 9 a.m. to be assigned sections of Wellfleet Harbor for cleaning, collecting data and returning trash.

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